



# Meetings of Interest\*

**March 14–18, 2005** The George Wright Society will convene its biennial conference on parks, protected areas, and cultural sites in Philadelphia to explore the theme “People, Places, and Parks: Preservation for Future Generations.” This event integrates all fields of natural and cultural resource management pertinent to park and protected area management. It draws a cross-section of high-level park managers, researchers, administrators, field personnel, academics, representatives from nongovernmental organizations, and others. Participants will be able to choose among a broad range of intellectual offerings, including thought-provoking keynotes, paper and panel presentations, exhibits, computer demonstrations, side meetings, and on-site and field-based workshops. The conference program is keyed to four areas: the role of natural, cultural, and social sciences and scholarship in enhancing our understanding and management of park resources and visitors; practical aspects of park preservation and management, including the application of new technologies; issues of equity in the use, understanding, and enjoyment of parks and civic engagement in park management; and the educational functions of parks and protected areas to build public appreciation for park resources. Further information is available at <http://www.georgewright.org/2005.html>.

**March 16–19** Sponsored by the Wildlife Management Institute, the 70th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference will take place in Arlington, Virginia, and explore the theme of “Elevating the Priority of Natural Resource Conservation.” Presentations will expound on six topic areas: (1) with coming retirements and possible outsourcing, who will manage our natural resources? (2) a case study of long-term landscape use and abuse in relation to sage-grouse conservation; (3) a continental perspective of conservation across borders; (4) managing the wildlife disease–human health interface; (5) advancing the cause of integrated bird conservation; and (6) stemming the tide of nonnative, invasive plants. Additional concurrent meetings are planned. Further information is available at <http://www.wildlifemanagementinstitute.org/pages/TOC.html>.

**September 12–18** The Society for Ecological Restoration International will host “Ecological Restoration: A Global Challenge” to explore the ways ecological restoration can integrate scientific and technical fundamentals with economic opportunities, social needs, and political realities, and how to apply this integration to projects under way on every part of the planet. Participants will meet in Zaragoza, Spain, to discuss social and cultural aspects of global ecological restoration; the economy of ecological restoration; approaching ecological restoration at the landscape scale; the ecological restoration of ecosystems, threatened populations, and urban zones; and technical tools for ecological restoration. More information is available at <http://www.ser.org/content/2005Conference.asp>.

**September 25–29** The Wildlife Society is planning its 12th annual conference to be held in Madison, Wisconsin. The gathering will feature symposia, workshops, and a special poster session that focus on topics of wildlife science, management, education, and policy under the general theme that guides the society: excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education. Further information is available at [www.wildlife.org](http://www.wildlife.org) under the heading “conferences.”

\*Readers with access to the NPS Natural Resources Intranet can view a longer listing of upcoming meetings, conference, and training courses at <http://www1.nrintra.nps.gov/NRMeet/>.

